

splendid work of the medical department of the army, the citizens' relief committee, the Red Cross, etc., of the great losses sustained by members of the medical profession and the other professions, but we have heard comparatively little, in a public way, of the losses sustained by the nurses, and yet we are told through private sources, that there were no class of people in the city who suffered more greatly than the women who made up the great nursing body of San Francisco. The reason for this to those within the lines is simple enough. The nurses *staid with their patients* aiding in their removal or in the removal of their property, and giving no thought to their own private belongings, until too late to risk saving even what they might have had with them at a case. We understand, also, that nurses as a class, have received very little relief through the Red Cross, or public channels of any kind, and we know that such aid as they have received has come, we are proud to say, from the members of their own profession throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Money should now be sent to Dr. Helen Parker Criswell, at 8 Steiner Street, San Francisco, Cal.

The belated June number of the Nurses Journal of the Pacific Coast comes as we go to press. It is full of interesting reports relating to the disaster and the work that has followed—and contains the list of donations. The office is now at 4 Steiner Street. With the January issue this Journal becomes a monthly; to State Association members the subscription remains \$1.00 included in the dues; to others \$1.50. This is a splendid advance for the Pacific journal.

Miss Cooke soon leaves for a trip to Spokane and the Coast Cities in the interest of nursing progress on the Pacific Slope. She should receive a cordial welcome.

THE DETROIT CONVENTION

ONE of the most important results of the convention of the Associated Alumnae, was the formation of an inter-state committee, composed of those officials of affiliated state societies who were present, for the purpose of drawing the various state societies into closer union, and of making communication between them simpler—a sort of bureau of information, as it were. Miss Sarah E. Sly, whose address is Birmingham, Mich., was chosen chairman and secretary of this committee. She requests that each state society send her, through its secretary, all possible information relating to its organization, history of legislation, etc. Each one should send her copies of any printed matter now on hand, and any which may be issued from time

to time. Any inquiries from one state association as to methods, work, and progress of other state associations are to be sent to her, and she will endeavor to obtain all needed information. In order that she may not have heavy personal expense in connection with her new office, each society is requested by the committee to inclose postage for any reply expected, and to pay for the carriage of any printed matter sent or asked for.

ONE of the uses of the Associated Alumnae meetings is the opportunity they afford for nurses from different parts of the country to get together and exchange ideas. This occurs in the formal meetings to some extent, but far more in the informal talks which occur between times. The boat trip at Detroit afforded a particularly good occasion for such meetings, for the members were by themselves for five long hours, undisturbed by any other duties or by the thoughts of caution for the people about them. Those who wished just to rest found this an opportunity to be quiet. Those who wished for fun had music and dancing. By far the greater number of nurses, however, were gathered in little groups, eagerly comparing notes on hourly nursing, visiting nursing, private-duty problems, or questions arising in state societies. They met on much freer terms than at a reception and had longer time for discussion. It was so ideal an arrangement for a combination of a delightful outing with opportunity for making the most helpful acquaintances, that one could wish the Associated Alumnae might always meet by some water-side, where such groups could again gather. The school pins, so generally worn by nurses on such occasions, prove a most useful means of identification.

DURING the discussion of one of the papers, Mrs. Fournier, of Indianapolis, brought up the question of graded registration,—the recognition of trained attendants, or of practical nurses, who can pass an examination suited to their requirements. There is much to be said on both sides of this question, and it should receive the thoughtful attention of all who are framing bills for registration of nurses.

THE bits one hears by the way-side are often most entertaining and instructive. Mrs. Robb and Miss McIsaac are so youthful in their enthusiasm and enjoyment that it is no wonder a young stranger, with the friendliness so common to all at such times, ran up to them saying: "Oh! are n't these meetings nice? Have you ever been to one before?"

THE nurse who expressed a doubt as to whether one could dress on one hundred dollars a year would surely have been incredulous over a story which seems almost beyond belief, and which certainly refutes the statement that all nurses are extravagant and improvident. A nurse who has been doing institution work, where her board and washing were provided, and who had a good stock of clothing when she took the position, so that it has not needed much renewing, claimed for herself the prize as an economist. She said she had earned one thousand dollars during the last two years (not one thousand dollars a year, mind you), that she had saved seven hundred dollars of that, and had lived on three hundred.

AN anecdote was overheard, told by a married member (a nurse whose husband is a physician), to an old friend. It ran like this: "My little boy has a great habit of asking his father questions, and the doctor to get rid of the child constantly has said to him, 'Ask your mother. Finally, one morning at breakfast, after several questions being received in this way, the little fellow studied his father intently for a moment and then said, seriously, 'Father, why is it that mother knows so much more than you do?'"

A SCHOOL FOR THE TRAINING OF DISTRICT NURSES.

The Boston District Nursing Association has fitted up a house on Massachusetts Avenue and is establishing a training school for District Nurses, both pupils from regular training schools and graduates to be admitted. Miss Charlotte McLeod who organized the Victorian order in Canada will be in charge, the school to open about October 1.

PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION

NEW YORK.—An appropriation has been secured for the salary of a nurse inspector of training-schools to be appointed under the civil service. The official announcement of the rules and conditions governing the examination will be found on another page.

The appointment of a nurse inspector has been urged by the Nurse Board of Examiners of New York for the past two years. The creation of a new office in the Education Department has necessarily taken some time in order that the salary should be sufficiently liberal to attract the very highest type of women and make the position one of dignity and educational influence. If the right woman is secured,